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MINUTES

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SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY

Wednesday, April 20, 2011

ATTENDANCE

Commissioners:

Present: Salvatore Giametta, Susan Atkins, Matthew Hervey, Katie Sullivan, Abby Silverman Weiss, Sarah White

Absent: Alan Ziegaus

Staff: Deborah Barrow, Library Director; Christine Siegel, Deputy Director; Kathleen Wheatley, Deputy Director; Steve Hawkesworth, Chief Financial and Chief Operating Officer, San Diego Public Library Foundation; Carol Tellez, Executive Secretary

Public: Punky Fristrom, Anne Fristrom

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 12:30 p.m. in the Commission Room of the Central Library.

CHAIR'S UPDATE: Katie Sullivan

Commissioner Sullivan announced the Mayor has appointed Sal Giametta as the new Chair for the Board of Library Commissioners. In appreciation for their service, Commissioner Sullivan presented each Commissioner with a "gift of time" (book clock). Commissioner Sullivan shared a recent article in the Union Tribune that discussed funding for the new Central Library and the City's budget deficit.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The March 2011 minutes were approved unanimously.

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

REQUESTS FOR CONTINUANCE

None.

REPORT FROM THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY: Punky Fristrom

The annual essay contest will be held in the Balboa Park Club on May 5 at 6:30 pm. The Mayor's proposed FY 2012 budget cuts for Library would affect the priorities the Friends established for the Library System which are as follows:

1. Do not close any branch library – proposal to have libraries “paired” would result in Friends book sales and volunteer hours being reduced
2. Programs for youth – reduced by half due to reduced hours
3. Friends Support of Library Staff – staff reduced by 77 FTE
4. Maintain the Matching Funds Program – still in proposed budget

SERRA SYSTEM ADVISORY BOARD

None.

LIBRARY FOUNDATION UPDATE: Steve Hawkesworth

In response to the Mayor's proposed budget cuts, the Library Foundation has started a *Save My Library Campaign* with an email alert to the Friends Advocacy Network, and redesigning the Library Foundation's homepage to feature the *Save My Library Campaign*.

AGENDA ITEMS

10.a Library System Update

Mr. Hawkesworth gave an update on the new Central Library. The project is on schedule and Turner Construction is expected to be at “podium” (street level) by mid-May. A small celebration is being planned by Turner Construction in late May/early June to mark the occasion.

Commissioner Sullivan mentioned a new Central Library Technology meeting and tour took place at Qualcomm on March 15. Library and Foundation staff, along with Commission members and staff from SAIC, Verizon and Qualcomm attended. Cutting edge technology and equipment for the new Central Library was discussed.

Ms. Barrow reported Library and City staff meet on a weekly basis with Turner Construction to discuss design details, program requirements, public service points, and staffing needs.

DIRECTOR'S UPDATE: Deborah Barrow

- Ms. Barrow thanked Commissioner Sullivan for all her years of service and dedication, and presented her with gifts of tea.

10.b Budget Update: Deborah Barrow

Ms. Barrow gave an update on the FY 2012 proposed budget for the Library Department and discussed the following issues:

1. Library specific reductions
2. City-wide shared costs
3. FTE reductions
4. Concept of paired libraries and/or alternate schedules

10.c Legislative Update:

Nothing new to report.

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Sullivan adjourned the meeting at 1:48 p.m.

Deborah L. Barrow

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Library Director

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